Stonewall

Stonewall, Aug. 18.- We really had a storm and rain last Friday night, but so thankful it did not hurt the crops any worse than it did. We were blessed around here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Matthews, III, of Orange, spent the week-end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson. They also visited his sister, Mrs. John Alvis, Jr., and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gilbert and daughter, Bonnie have returned home after such a wonderful trip to Canada and other places of interest away. Glad they have gotten home safely.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Sr. and family; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and Edward, Miss Nancy Holmes, Mrs. R. H. Routon, and sons, Walter, Sheldon and John, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Routon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and family are on a vacation at Virginia Beach and other places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick and his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard, on Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Thornhill spent a while with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kern Mays last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Spain and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings last week. The Spains and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dyasee are at Ridgecrest this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings visited their son, Dr. Thomas Jennings and his family in Bedford City on Sunday. Sorry to hear that Dr. Jennings is on the sick list. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

We are happy to have our pastor, Rev. Collie Rock and family back home after a week's visit to their home folks in the northern part of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Thomas and family, of Richmond, spent the week'end with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mrs. Calvin Tanner has gone to New Jersey to meet her husband, who will get his discharge from the Army tomorrow. We are so happy for her and his parents and other loved ones that he is on his way home to stay, after being gone two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tanner and Steve have returned home from their vacation at Myrtle Beach, after being in a wreck with Mr. and Mrs. Gibson in Lynchburg. They were so lucky not to be more badly hurt than they were. Glad they are home again.

They report a pleasant stay with congenial surroundings in their flat in a German family's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shoaf, of Mount Ulla, N. C., paid a surprise visit to Miss Maggie Hix, her aunt, on Wednesday afternoon. They also visited the Joe Terrys at Appomattox. On Friday they returned to Hixburg, and Mrs. W. M. Ervin, Mrs. Shoaf's mother, accompanied them back to North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins McPhillips and family, of Richmond, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips. Watkins returned to Richmond on Sunday afternoon. His family will remain through this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carson and Jannie Kay, of Monterey, were the week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson.

Mrs. Grace Williams has invited the Pamplin Home Demonstration Club to meet in her home on Thursday, August 21, at 11:00 o'clock, for the annual picnic dinner.

Hixburg

Hixburg, Aug. 19.- Again the dairymen are busy filling silos.

Co-operative farming, helping each other, and a silage corn cutter has reduced the manpower required to one-half.

Also, co-operative cooking, housewives working together, has relieved the burden of a big dinner at noon.

Hot biscuits, fried chicken, pies, and vegetables in season, are usually on the menu.

Now, all hands and cooks enjoy the get-together at the farm houses once a year.

Henry Covington, Jim Carson, and the Hix brothers filled their silos last week.

Mrs. Kate Goin Adams is doing some intensive sight-seeing before leaving Kaiserlantern, Germany, for New York on Sept. 1.

She will make the boat trip. Pfc. Wade Adams, her husband, will take the same passage a month later.

ROAD TOLL DOWN

Chicago.- A mid-year death toll of 16,340 traffic accident victims is grimly encouraging to the National Safety Council.

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PERSONALS

[illegible] and J. P. Harvey are [illegible] this week in Atlanta, Ga.

[illegible] F. James is spending several [illegible] in Epes, Ala., at the [illegible] Country House, "Loudon."

[illegible] Mildred Milkham, of Roa[illegible] visiting her sister, Mrs. [illegible] Seay.

[illegible] Bush has returned to [illegible] in Norfolk after spending [illegible] week with her sister, [illegible] Caldwell.

Mrs. Raymond Stanley, [illegible] spent the week-end [illegible] parents, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Seay.

[illegible] Williamson left Fri[illegible] visit with her brother, [illegible] Williamson and his fam[illegible] Miami.

[illegible] Barrett Phelps returned [illegible] from University Hos[illegible] Charlottesville, where she had [illegible] the past week.

[illegible] L. Welsh and son, [illegible] are spending several days in [illegible] Mrs. Webb's parents, [illegible] R. L. Hawkins.

[illegible] N. Jennings and mother, [illegible] Sheets will spend the [illegible] at Clifton Forge with Mr. [illegible] James Sheets. Mrs. Sheets [illegible] for a longer visit.

[illegible] Alvis and daughter, [illegible] accompanied Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Eaton and children, of [illegible] Beach last week, [illegible] spent part of the week.

[illegible] Ruth Jennings, who [illegible] visiting in the home of [illegible] James Sheets, of Cliff[illegible] will return home Sun[illegible]

[illegible] Davis, Jr., U. S. Navy, [illegible] Md.; Sonny Smith, of [illegible] S. C.; Mrs. Shirley [illegible] Sarah Davis and Miss [illegible] Lawhorn, all of Lynch[illegible] the week-end in the [illegible] and Mrs. Jack Davis.

Mrs. E. L. Williamson entered the Lynchburg Hospital Monday for an operation.

J. Lloyd Hudson spent several days this week with relatives in Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Woody, of South Boston were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Edmonds, Nancy and William Carroll Ferguson and Gail Martin spent Saturday in Brookneal with Mr. and Mrs. Conway Angel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilkerson, Charles and Dennis and Miss Frances Martin motored to Richmond and Colonial Heights to visit relatives during the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Puckett, of Newport News, who were en route home after spending a week at Eagle Eyrie, stopped by for several days visit with his mother, Mrs. Winnie Puckett.

Mrs. J. G. Dinkins and son, Moses left Wednesday for Fort Eustis, where they will spend several days with Mrs. Dinkins' son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Robert Dinkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wood, Jr. attended the wedding Saturday of Margaret Jane Wood to Capt. Lloyd Mielenz, Jr., which took place at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond.

Mrs. Thelma Caldwell has returned from a visit with her brother-in-law and sister, CWO W. A. Thrasher and Mrs. Thrasher, in El Paso, Texas. While there they visited Juarnez, Mexico, and also New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cyrus and daughter, Dale; Mr. and Mrs. Bolby Ferguson and Diane, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilkerson, Charles and Dennis visited Mill Mountain Zoo and Lakeside in Roanoke recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Thomas, of Roanoke; Mrs. L. A. Merserean, of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Almond and Dana and Rickey, of Madison Heights were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans.

Mrs. Shearer Robertson and daughter, Sandra; Mrs. John A. Tweedy, Jr., and daughter, Patsy, and Mrs. Jack Davis motored over the Skyline Drive Sunday. En route home they stopped by the Virginia Baptist Home at Culpeper to visit the Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wooten and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings motored to Ford, Va., Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Wooten. Mr. and Mrs. Wooten are spending this week with his brother, Ellis Wooten, and sister, Mrs. Thomas Brooks, of Petersburg.

Mrs. Lewis S. McCormick and son Pete have returned home after visiting her son, Edward N. McCormick in San Antonio, Texas, where he is taking treatment at Brooks General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, after an operation six weeks ago. They also visited his family there and visited many places of interest in Texas.

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Bankers don't tell names and stories because an individual's hopes and dreams are strictly personal property, but occasionally the banker will tell a story, without names, of course.

The Virginia Bankers Association in Richmond conducted a survey recently to learn some of these stories. The survey produced these samples of the human side of lending.

"I loaned a young man about $500 to help him through school," said a Central Virginia banker. "He had no one else to help him. He was under 18, but he was honest and a good worker. When he finished school, he wrote to say how much he had appreciated the help I gave him. He thanked me for talking with him as a father and then he said, 'You taught me to want to be somebody.'"

That letter, needless to say, is one of the banker's prized possessions.

Another banker got a cake from a young couple in Northern Virginia when they made the final payment on their home.

"We brought the cake," the couple explained, "to show as best we can our feeling of appreciation for the loan."

"My most satisfying loan," said a banker in a large Virginia city, "was charged off for a while as a bad debt."

He told of the faith he had placed in a certain individual, despite the man's "capacity for strong drink."

"I overlooked this weakness 'n favor of the good qualities which I saw in him and lent him money several times. But finally the old fire water got him and the next thing I heard he was a guest of the taxpayers at a correctional institution. My last loan had to be charged off."

Several years passed, but one day recently, the banker saw his old friend walk into the bank. He wanted to arrange payment of the old debt. The bank, it turned out, had been one of his first stops after getting out of prison on parole.

"The only thing this proves," said the banker, "is just that one's faith in the honesty and good intentions of the majority of people is justified, in spite of their weaknesses, I think so anyway."

In Southwest Virginia, a woman asked for a small loan. She was new in town, she said. She had a job, but she had not been paid, and —well, she needed groceries.

"It may be an old story," declared the banker, "but she was very sincere and frank and she had several small children. So I took a chance....!"

The loan has been repaid now and the banker not only has a good customer, but he has a true friend.

A few routine questions indicated to the Shenandoah Valley banker that the applicant for a $400 loan was a man of good character but not the best credit risk.

"Any question I had about making the loan was settled when he told me he wanted the money to finish paying his church pledge. I was pleasantly astounded," the banker recalled, "but completely satisfied I had helped him in his effort to aid God's work."

A newspaper clipping helped another banker tell his story. The newspaper reported the busy preparations being made by a young woman before she sailed to the Far East as a missionary. The newspaper account missed only one point and the banker added that when he wrote across the clipping: "My most satisfying loan .. to this girl's brother to pay for the trip."

"I'm an Episcopalian myself," said another banker, "but I think my most satisfying loan was made to a small Baptist congregation for a church building. Every other bank in the whole area, I believe, had turned them down.

"Once they got a roof over their heads," he continued, "the congregation grew by leaps and bounds. In two years they had one of the biggest churches in the city."

In the Tidewater area, a banker says he feels a real sense of pride when he sees sheep grazing on land that was once used for hog production only. His bank, he explained, supplied the money the farmers needed to undertake a new and profitable enterprise.

And so it goes. The Virginia banker can look out of his bank at almost any moment of the day and see a successful businessman, a happy family or a thriving enterprise and know that he helped get them started.

HOMEMAKERS ITEMS

Take care of your slide fasteners, advise Extension home agents.

Slide fasteners, or zippers, play such an important role in many of today's clothes that it pays to give them proper care, she says. Here are some of the suggestions for longer zipper life:

If there is a hook and eye at the top of a placket or dress opening, fasten the hook before closing the zipper. Then hold the base of the placket firmly so the zipper moves evenly and doesn't catch on the material.

Always close zippers before you wash your garments or send them to the dry cleaners. Before you put a garment through the wringer of a conventional-type machine, cover the closed zipper with folds of fabric to prevent damage

Before ironing, lay a press cloth over the zipper and placket fabric for protection, and iron gently. To prevent stretching, or sagging, close zippers when you hang garments in the closet. Zipper repair kits may be bought for making some repairs.

Many women's garments today have long zippers in the back for smooth fit. There are gadgets to help close such zippers, but here is an easy way to do it. Thread a long string through the hole of the zipper tab. Put the string over your shoulder and pull the zipper closed without strain on the garment, zipper or yourself.

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